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Amendments to the Claims

1. (currently amended) A process for producing a basic aluminum halide complex obtained by reaction of comprising the step of dissolving an aluminum metal with hydrohalic acid and an organic acid, where either the aluminum metal is dissolved in a mixture of hydrohalic acid and organic acid, or the aluminum metal is firstly dissolved in the hydrohalic acid and then the organic acid is added.

- 2. (currently amended) A process according to The basic aluminum halide complex as claimed in claim 1, obtained by reaction with hydrochloric acid as wherein the hydrohalic acid is hydrochloric acid.
- 3. (currently amended) A process according to The basic aluminum halide complex as claimed in claim 1, obtained by reaction with a hydroxycarboxylic acid as wherein the organic acid is a hydroxycarboxylic acid.
- 4. (currently amended) A process according to The basic aluminum halide complex as claimed in claim 1, obtained by reaction with glycolic acid or lactic acid as wherein the organic acid is glycolic acid or lactic acid.
- 5. (currently amended) A process according to The basic aluminum halide complex as claimed in claim 1, obtained by reaction at wherein the process is carried out at a temperature temperatures of from 20 to 100°C.

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6. (currently amended) A process for producing an The-basic aluminum halide complex comprising the steps of dissolving an obtained by reaction of aluminum metal with a mixture of a hydrohalic acid and an organic acid and subsequently adding addition of a hydrohalic acid, and/or an organic acid or both.

- 7. (currently amended) A mixture of <u>at least one</u> basic aluminum halide <u>complex</u> complexes as claimed in <u>produced by the process according to claim 1 and <u>at least one customary</u> antiperspirant active <u>ingredient ingredients</u>.</u>
- 8. (new) A process for producing a basic aluminum halide complex comprising the steps of dissolving an aluminum metal with hydrohalic acid and subsequently adding an organic acid.
- 9. (new) A process according to claim 8, wherein the hydrohalic acid is hydrochloric acid.
- (new) A process according to claim 8, wherein the organic acid is a hydroxycarboxylic acid.
- 11. (new) A process according to claim 8, wherein the organic acid is glycolic acid or lactic acid.
- 12. (new) A process according to claim 8, wherein the process is carried out at a temperature of from 20 to 100°C.
- 13. (new) A basic aluminum halide complex produced by the process according to claim 1.
- 14. (new) A basic aluminum halide complex produced by the process according

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to claim 6.

- 15. (new) A basic aluminum halide complex produced by the process according to claim 8.
- 16. (new) An antiperspirant comprising a basic aluminum halide complex produced by the process according to claim 1.
- 17. (new) An antiperspirant comprising a basic aluminum halide complex produced by the process according to claim 6.
- 18. (new) An antiperspirant comprising a basic aluminum halide complex produced by the process according to claim 8.
- 19. (new) A mixture of at least one basic aluminum halide complex produced by the process according to claim 6 and at least one antiperspirant active ingredient.
- 20. (new) A mixture of at least one basic aluminum halide complex produced by the process according to claim 8 and at least one antiperspirant active ingredient.